

I was rather shocked to hear of the NAB petition (04-160) attempting to restrict the free speech rights of satellite radio broadcasters. This is a blatantly commercial, self-serving position which should be rejected out of hand by the FCC.

I am a loyal listener of satellite radio. On my daily 80 mile round trip commute this is essential to my mental well being and I delight in the quality of both the signal and the content on the satellite radio. Preventing me to access information such as traffic and weather is a disservice and borders on irresponsible as it deprives me of a source of valuable information on conditions that directly affect my safety and well-being on my drive.

Satellite radio is just technology. It's another way to deliver content. This is America: we consumers should be given the right to make the decision as to whom we choose to provide our radio. Let us, the citizens, not the big wigs and the lobbyists spending entrenched big money, be the ones who decide how we can get our radio. More government regulation, with the intent only of perpetuating an obsolete monopoly, is the worst thing that the FCC can do.